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3/26/15 Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John

Today crews completed all remaining sampling in Unit J upper at the Sirenusa Condo complex, where the affected family had stayed. This included wipe samples for pesticides in eight locations, 12-hour time-weighted average air samples for pesticides and methyl bromide (three indoor and one outdoor/background sample), and real-time air monitoring. Interior real-time readings of VOCs (including Methyl Bromide) were not above background levels. Results from analysis of all of today's samples is expected by the end of next week. All remaining sampling equipment was received.

In addition, the REOC continued working with EPA ORC and Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch to evaluate options for management of existing stocks of the fumigant, as well as the mechanisms for determining where the fumigant is currently stored, and how it has been utilized and/or stored in the past. REOC Coordinated with PTSB to discuss recommendations for clearing of the impacted units for re-occupancy. Input will also be sought from the fumigant manufacturer and local health department.

Tomorrow, crews will commence sampling of Unit J lower, the unit which was fumigated on March 18th. Sampling of Unit J lower will be similar to those conducted in Unit J upper: real-time air monitoring, grab air samples with summa canisters, wipe samples for pesticides, and 12-hour time-weighted average air sampling for pesticides and methyl bromide.

R2 REOC remains the point of contact for all EPA's activities related to this incident.

Personnel on-site today included 2 OSCs, 1 ERT, 2 CID, 2 RST contractors and 2 SERAS contractors.

Additional parties on-site included St. John Fire Department representatives. EPA is still working cooperatively with DPNR, the St. John Police Department, Terminex and the condo complex management company.

